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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know, in view of the fact that it was said that these Members are drawing the allowances that are permissible to Members of the Legislative Council, whether they are drawing such allowances in addition to the Legislative Council allowance on the days on which the Legislative Council meets here ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I should not think so ; but I would like to have notice."

Depressed Classes

Repairs to the wells for the depressed classes in Kurnool district.

*1015 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the District Collector of Kurnool has caused a programme to be drawn up of repairs to the wells of the depressed classes in the district ;

(*b*) whether he has also caused a programme of new well works for the same classes ;

(*c*) if the answers to (*a*) and (*b*) are in the positive, whether the Government are making provision for the same in the next budget ; and

(*d*) what the amount so allotted is ?

A.—The Government have no information as to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of the question. It is proposed to extend the operations of the Labour Department to the Kurnool district during 1929-30 and to make a provision of Rs. 9,000 in the budget estimate for 1929-30 for well works, etc., for depressed classes in the district.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether he will be pleased to get the information asked for in (*a*) and (*b*), in view of the fact that they are sanctioning an allotment for 1929-30 and some programme should be ready for the Labour Commissioner to begin with ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I shallconsider the suggestion, Sir."

Labour

Extension of the operations of the Labour Department to Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts.

*1016 Q.—Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government intend to extend the operations of the Labour Department to the districts of Vizagapatam and Ganjam next year ?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—" Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the reason why there is no intention of extending these operations to Vizagapatam, whether there is no necessity or they do not find it convenient ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The Labour Commissioner recommended three districts."

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Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—"Is Vizagapatam one of the three districts?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"No, Sir."

Tours of the Labour Commissioner and the travelling allowances drawn by him.

*1017 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the date when the present Labour Commissioner took charge of the office ;

(b) the places he toured in each year from the date of his taking charge of the office and the travelling allowance drawn by him ;

(c) the names of his predecessors and their tours and the travelling allowance drawn by them ;

(d) the amount of allotment for the Labour Department for the years 1926–27 to 1928–29, the amount spent during those years and the amount that lapsed to the Government and the reasons therefor ; and

(e) the amount that lapsed to the Government in the said department during the tenure of office of Sir George Paddison and of his predecessors in office ?

A.—(a) 23rd July 1927.

(b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the annual administration reports of the Labour Department which have been placed on Editors' Table and which show the tours made by the Commissioners. The actual expenditure incurred under 'Travelling Allowance' by the Commissioner of Labour and his office staff is given in the Civil Budget Estimates. The amount of travelling allowance drawn by the Commissioners alone during 1927–28 was Rs. 5,362. Similar information in regard to previous years is not available.

(d) ..

1926-27.			1927-28.			1928-29.
Allotment.	Amount spent.	Savings.	Allotment.	Amount spent.	Savings.	Allotment.
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
13,64,700	12,54,010	1,10,690	17,09,034	16,75,950	33,084	19,46,500
For loans.			*For loans.*			*For loans.*
5,04,500	4,14,225	90,275	5,22,400	3,30,134	1,92,266	4,37,800

Information regarding the amount spent and savings for the year 1928-29 cannot now be given as the year has not yet closed.

The reasons for the savings in the year 1926–27 are given in the Accountant-General's report on Appropriation Accounts for 1926–27 and the attention of the hon. Member is invited to it.

The savings in the year 1927–28 accrued mainly under establishment charges, construction of buildings connected with Kallar reclamation work and under the allotment for the Kavali